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More Pensions.

In the first week of the present seasion of the Congress nearly 1,900 new pension bills were introduced, about Senate. These bills propose "relief." new pensions and increase of pension. They propose correction of military record and grant of honorable discharge to men who have hitherto stood on the rolls as removed from the service in some other manner. Some were deserters and some were definitely recorded as dishonorably discharged. The various bills committees. The theory is that they will be rigidly scrutinized and carefully investigated, case by case, by those comspecial trouble with the theory

The Congressional Record of Friday December 9, contains the following: "The next business on the Private Calendar was

crease of pensions to certain sofdiers and saliors of the civil war and certain widows and depend ent relatives of said soldiers and sailors. The bill carries the names of eighty-

six beneficiaries. Following the list of names and the sums to be paid to each of the pensioners is the statement that "the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed." Immediately below appears a paragraph duplicating that quoted above, except that it refers to H. R. 28,435. This bill provided for 293 heroes and wives and children of heroes. Reports being made that two of the beneficiaries were dead. the bill was amended by striking out their names, was read a third time, passed, and on motion "to reconsider the votes by which the several bills were passed" was laid on the table. It will doubtless go on its way in due season. and many others of the same tenor will follow it. Friday also saw the consideration of a number of individual bills. The case of HENRY SHENEP may serve as an illustration of a not infrequent experience in pension legislation:

Clerk read the bill, as follows:

hereafter be held and considered to have served private of Company A. Second Regiment Arkan-Mounted Rangers, from the 5th day of Sepcompany and regiment on the last named date. " With the following committee amendment:

That in the administration of the pension laws and the laws governing the National Home sss. shall bereafter be held and considered to have of among buyers for a rise. been honorably discharged from the military serwice of the United States as a private of Company A. Second Regiment Arkansas Volunteer Cav alry (also known as the First Mounted Rangers) on the 17th day of December, 1862: Provided, That ne pension shall accrue prior to the passage of this act."

The committee amendment was agreed to The bill as amended was ordered to be enessed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed

Thus HENRY, dishonorably discharged panie. in 1863, presumably for cause, becomes HENRY with an honorable discharge and a pension claim but no back pay. The ficiaries is inexhaustible.

The Board of Water Supply.

battan and Brooklyn is the second serithe board by Mayor McCleblan. Soon internal evidence doesn't mislead us as afterward Mr Simmons resigned and to its authorship: Ferries under Mr. McCLELLAN and who estimations of even the most conservative of statiswas elected State Engineer and Sur-

vevor this fall. The troubles of the board are particularly interesting because of the great care taken in drawing the law which ereated it. The work to be done under this very plain now that this vast horde of absent to pursue the matter. He sailed away

who slicwed themselves to be enticed to other offered to borrow powder from the metal of stockbridge. Mass., enrolls the name of which, mythically, exist at the ends of a rainbow. Charleston, but GLASS hadn't the heart wagoner, teamster. Does he require further than the matter. He sailed away

To the Edition of the Stockbridge. Mass., enrolls the name of walter wagoner, teamster. Does he require further recentains: its direction will cost a large sum of and home longing pilgrims amount to fully 200,000 and left the Spaniards to their fate. politics in the management of the enor- that their el dorado is in good old Missourt, want disaster in Cavite harbor. But GLASS mous enterprise, and at one time sought to come back means to put the appointment of the Texas. Arkansas. Oklahoma, must went while he was bombarding.

named them for the board. The Com- the hart for the water brooks: missioners receive large salaries, and cannot be removed from office except on charges

and the aqueducts is \$161,000,000. The higie pressure tunnel under Manhattan the plan. Since ground was broken the skin River, where I started from counted in computing the borrowing THOMAS in his realm of dreams has into the tunnels.

action of the Commissioners in advertis- the "Red Book" is the man. ing for bids for the Manhattan-Brooklyn tunnel before the proposed form of The Draught Horse in the City contract had been approved by the Corporation Counsel, as the law requires. and to allegations that the terms of that contract are drawn in a way to exclude all except one firm from bidding. By causing the withdrawal of the advertisements Mayor GAYNOR has made it impossible for the contracts to be let during Mr. BENSEL's term of office, and his plan is said to be to obtain a law completely reorganizing the board. If such should be the case, what was regarded 1,570 in the House and about 320 in the as a most ingenious device for performing a great public work honestly, cheaply and satisfactorily will have come to an unexpectedly early end.

The Drift Toward the Suburbs.

tant counties as Rockland, Suffolk and mals says: the bill (H. R. 24.43t) granting pensions and in- Fgirfield will have to be embraced in the about New York would comprise not to prevent their horses from failing. For instance fewer than 3,148 square miles, a territory three times the size of the State of is no difficulty on the side streets, where the snow Rhode Island. Obviously the computation will be far from exact if the ten counties adjacent to New York are classed as suburban and set off against the five boroughs of the city. However, a comparison even on this basis vields astonishing results. It shows an increase of 42.1 per cent. in the suburban as against 38.7 per cent, in the city population.

> A comparison between the five New York and Connecticut counties on the one hand and the five New Jersey counties on the other would hardly be valid. owing to the smaller, more compact and more easily accessible territory covered by the latter. It may be noted, however, that the largest percentage of suburban growth was in Bergen county, and the nest largest in Westchester county.

The notable emigration of city folk into the country reflected by the census has been very largely in anticipation of half load can find no footing on such portation problem-and no dividends. improvements which are only just now a street surface as we have described. coming into use. No doubt the subur-Be it enacted. &c. That in the administra ban growth of the next five years will injuries to horses, sometimes so serious tion of the pension laws HENEY SHEMEY shall be as great if not greater than that of that the poor brutes must be shot, are in the military service of the United States as a existing industrial depression will help to make it so. Since the panic a multi- on which there is any grade. We are fore to be resisted to the bitter end by the tember, 1862, to the 10th day of January, 1863, and tude of land companies operating in aware that the making of street surfaces West. The amendments designed to kill to have been discharged honorably from said the suburbs have found it all but impossible to sell vacant land, because the community has lost its taste for specu-Strike out all after the enacting clause and | lation, even though purchases can be made on the instalment plan. The companies have been obliged to change the for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, or any branch character of their business, looking for thereof, HENRY SHENEP, now a resident of Arkan - ; customers among homeseekers instead

> Consequently an extraordinary number of houses has been built in the suburbs in the last two years, houses some kind of footing on wet, snowy and say a word on the subject. In the hope that "J. which as a result of competition are offered on remarkably easy terms of payment. The commuting statistics published by some of the railways bear out the claim of suburban development

Back to Missouri.

There will be acrid disappointment "correction" of records, the increase of throughout the United States if the individual rates and the addition of new Hon. Augustus Thomas doesn't dramanames to the rolls is a brisk game and tize the "1910 Red Book" of Missouri. goes merrily on. The supply of bene- Probably, however, he wrote it, and with the stage in view. At any rate, as a loyal Missourian, though escaped to New York, or New Rochelle, he cannot The disagreement between Mayor but be thrilled, as many non-Missou-GAYNOR and the Board of Water Supply rian outlanders are, with the yearning over the proposed form of contract for ery "Back to Missouri!" which now the high pressure tunnel under Man- rings through the world and is answered passionately by all or most of the wanous dispute in which this board has been dering Missourians who don't happen involved. While the late J. EDWARD to be farming in this town. A general SIMMONS was president of the body a "homecoming" is contemplated or godetermined attack on the methods used ing on; it would be premature to swear in letting contracts was made. This to the details, for Mr. THOMAS, well terminated in an investigation which known aiready by his Old Farmers' ended with the complete vindication of Almanack, says in his "Red Book," if

was succeeded by JOHN A. BENNEL, who whole the census figures of roral Missouri ceased, the launch drew near, and soon had been Commissioner of Docks and have been disappointing and a little below the a bedizened official was thanking Comthomas, yet nothing bester would have been exper ted if the inhabitants of the State had only being destitute of powder, the island were His Christian Name "Carter" He Might realized how large the army of Missourlans is could not return the compliment. He money. Mayor McCLELL N was anx. men, wemen and children. Probably four ofths They had not had a visit for six months ious that there should be no hint of of these weary wanderers, now that they know and knew nothing of the war and the

Commissioners into the hands of repre- forgive the reference to themselves in Not so very long afterward Guam sentative non-partisan commercial or- the documents quoted below. They was surrendered to our authorities, and

found as good men as he could and sons of Missouri long for her even as U. S. N., took command of the station.

" Runns, Ark -- I have read all about the homecoming of the Missourians, and I say, 'Hurrah.' The magnitude of the commission's for over two months and everything is drying up. task is not generally understood. The Wells are dry, and it is sure hot. We have been edy for that was easy. LEARY engaged estimated cost of the Catskill reservoirs, here a year. We left Missouri for Kansas, then here, and we sure want to go back to dear old

Missourt." will cost \$25,000,000. The removal of McDonald county. Heft there in 1889, and since entire villages, relocating of miles of that time I have seen all of Oklahoma and enough railroad tracks, and the establishment of Arkansas for one man, and some little of Texas. of a special police force, are details of and I would like to get back on the dear old Cow-

whole scheme has been denounced as May all these homesick Missourians of expense. unnecessary and grossly extravagant, have their desire and see the streams

Streets in Winter.

The side streets leading to the rivers in downtown New York, especially where there is a grade, seem to have been paved with no concern for the draught horse during the season of snow and ice. No humane person can witness the sufferings of these animals in stormy weather without praying for the time when all the trucking business of the town will be done with motor wagons. An asphalt surface covered with snow or filmed with ice affords no footing to a horse drawing a heavy load, even if shod for slippery work. The wooden pavement is more treacherous, and it is as bad after rain in summer as after snow in winter. Vesev street In attempting to discover from the from Broadway down to Washington ensus returns whether the city or the has crippled uncountable horses because suburban population in and about New it is payed with blocks that seem to be York has grown the more rapidly in the coated with slime on a wet or snowy were duly referred to the appropriate last ten years, several difficulties are met day. No horse can plant his feet to with. There is of course much subur- get a start up or down hill without slipban land in the outlying boroughs, and ping to his knees, and often injuring large parts of some of the counties adja- himself seriously. It is sometimes said mittees, with due regard paid to the cent to the city lie beyond the commut- that the drivers are responsible because rights of the petitioners and to the rights ing zone. If we accept the five "river they do not have their horses properly of those who pay the bills. There is no counties" in New Jersey as suburban, shod. But the best of shoeing is someshall we include also an equal number times futile. On this subject Superinof counties in New York and Connecti- tendent Thomas Freel of the Society cut? If we do, such extensive and dis- for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-

The conditions on different streets make In that case the suburban area impossible for owners who are humane always a man has his horse's shoes sharpened and there and ice cover the pavement. Then the horse turns into Broadway, where the ice has been re moved and after he has walked four blocks on the hard pavement the calks, which it cost a cou ple of dollars to sharpen, are worn smooth, so that as soon as the horse turns into a side street again he begins to slip. The overshoes for horses, un less they are used with intelligence, do more hard than good. The Fire Department, the large department stores, and many of the other large owners of horses that are obliged to be out in all conditions use rubber pads with excellent results but the first cost of this equipment puts it out of the reach of many horse owners

Undoubtedly there is overloading, and when the case can be proved the driver should be arrested, and if he is to blame he should be fined, but very often it is not his fault and he must choose between obeying orders or losing his place. It is not, however, the load that in many cases drags the horse down or and forth," and if every body followed the causes him to slip. A horse drawing a Mayor's advice there would be no trans- dollars. The conditions that cau there should be sparing use of asphalt on short and steep thoroughfares.

The ultimate solution will of cours be the substitution of the motor truck for the horse drawn vehicle. But before that blessed consummation the man will be a public benefactor who can invent a pavement that affords a horse of who do not use automobiles. I should like to attended by the old and fashionable icy days.

A New Light on Guam.

out the claim of suburban development companies that they are selling houses on a larger scale now than before the name of the part of the stations we need not concern to the larger scale now than before the name of the stations we need not concern to the larger scale now than before the name of the stations we need not concern to the larger scale now than before the name of the stations we need not concern to the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now than before the name of the larger scale now that the name of t ourselves about the Philippines or our own Pacific coast in case of war. Some and are prepared to operate effectively without hitting me. from those bases there can be no danger of the landing of an enemy in force in low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not even have been heard low toned horn could not be to the low toned here. any of our possessions.

Our first acquaintance with Guam Our first acquaintance with Guam he would agree with me that this kind of was made through the medium of the is very necessary to safety, and instead of the control of the has ever been our fortune to experience. Commander Glass, U. S. N., was taking equipped the second rate cruiser Charleston to Manila, shortly after its occupation by Admiral Dewey, in May, 1898. Passing Guam and seeing the Spanish colors still affoat, Commander GLASS fiercely drew near and proceeded to bombard drew near and proceeded to bombard.

After an hour or so of this devastating long before that date.

When Higgins's carpet factory on Forty. truculence the lookout on the Charles. ton's bridge saw a steam launch put out from shore, freighted with Spanish officers and suggesting every overture

of friendly hospitality. The firing mander GLASS for his courteous salute to the flag and deploring the fact that, continued to wonder where those shells

ganizations. This being impossible, he have their virtues, but these roaming among others Captain RICHARD LEART.

Once more the wildest dreams of OFFEN-BACH and LECOCO were put to shame It wasn't so much that LEARY objected for we are sure sick of this. It has not rained here to the natives rearing families without legal or religious authority. The rema clergyman, blew a horn, and ordered the whole lot of them to come up and "SELVERTON. Tex.-1 am a Missourian from get married. It didn't cost them a cent, and instead of objecting to the ceremony they rather liked it. They wore their best clothes, gossiped with their

neighbors, strutted, paraded and alto-

gether had a nice, cosey little "time" free

Not until LEARY issued his cow and Money for the water system is to be of home! The Cowskin River has a poultry order did they begin to take raised by the sale of bonds that are not homely, native sound, which Mr. things seriously. He thought that families ought to have chickens, hogs and capacity of the city, and the estimated seemed to forget a little; and here is cows according to their size and prosamount to be expended may be greatly an army of "00,000 to collect and lead, pects, and made his proclamation acincreased before the water is turned Colonel Age SLUPSKY has other duties cordingly. Then harmony ceased. For and glories. The Hon. BEAUCHAMP the majority it was much easier to The present differences between the CLAEK has mules that will not be driven pull a rooster from a neighbor's fence Mayor and the board are due to the save by a referendum. Mr. THOMAS of than to bother with raising him; and and if he saw a boy in a sent would yank surreptitiously to milk a friend's cow was both frugal and convenient. So the Leary régime staggered to its fall; and when a subsequent commandant lost a barrel of whiskey out of his stores and began to submerge the Navy Department with indignant communications,

merriment resumed its throne. Now, suddenly it seems. Guam emerges from its humorous ambush and poses among solemn and important things. If we are to defend our Pacific possessions, to say nothing of our own Pacific coast, Guam, we are told, is of surpassing consequence. With fortifications there and at Pearl Harbor, and fleets at our disposal for offence and defence, there is no need of "frowning ! bastions" at Cavite or San Francisco. If we are to have strength at all we need it there, so we are assured, and us in the fulness of preparation! The proposition may take us by surprise. Let us say that it does, for Guam has not heretofore ventured outside the line of

Solon.

SOLON CHASE was well enough in his place. A regenerated Democracy, with Hope before it and Opportunity holding out a generous hand, would hardly have selected SOLON to personify in the United States Senate its ideal of repreentative statesmanship.

It is not likely that an unpledged Legislature, free to choose a Senator of the United States according to the method prescribed by the Constitution, would have renounced that freedom of choice and voted Solon to Washington merely because one-quarter of the Democrats of his State had expressed, in a manner as extra-constitutional as a straw ballot, their willingness to pay to Solon what was then supposed to be a sterile compliment

Is "applied ethics" the ethics of "pracical men"?

plaining of cold street cars Mayor GAYNOR wrote in reply: Suppose you stay out of doors and walk back and forth for a month. I will warrant that at the end of that time you will not care much about

heat in the cars, and that, moreover, you will not feel like finding fault with everybody and every It is quite likely the unfortunate man wants to get home to dinner. He might be better off physically if he walked "back

Senator Brandeger fears the Appalachian

tion of wood and asphalt for the streets as a strictly Eastern measure and therebut certainly no street with a grade and as the session is short the Appalachian should be laid with wooden blocks, and bill will fail unless its sponsors and adheroic work for it.

TO THE POITOR OF THE SEX- SE

Hecently I was crossing Twenty-eighth street, just east of lifth avenue. It was blowing and snowing and my ears were covered with a heavy as the key to the Pacific. High authority has declared that with Guam and ity has declared that with Guam and before I started to cross but did not see a big old New Yorker and a long time reader

sharp blast. It startled me so that I instinctively topher jumped out of the way of the car. I want you place, to understand that the automobile was not run-

above the wind and through my ear coverings. If "J. M. I.. were in the same situation I believe most delightful bit of opera bouffe it use being the "quintessence of selfishness" believe it shows consideration and thoughtfulness on the part of the motorist who has his car equipped. Mrs. H. W. Jamison. NEW YORK, December 14.

Early Self-Propelled Fire Apparatus

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: A correspondent says that in 1840 a self-propelling fire engine was stationed on the East Side. In the neighorbood of Grand street. I wish to add to this

third street burned, about 1857, Porty second street from Tenth avenue down to the river had just been built with a new flag sidewalk on each side. I was at the fire, and a self propeiling fire engine came down over this new flag sidewalk on north side of Forty second street and cut two ruts through it the whole distance, breaking almost all the flags.
Where the machine lay I do not know, as this is

ne only time I remember having seen it.
Naw YORK, December 14. C. DOREMUS.

WASHINGTON. D. C., December 14.

May He Be Satisfied:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. D. Hunger has just opened a bakery and lunch room on Flatbush avenue. May he enter the Hall of Fame NEW YORK, December 14.

His Notion of Tartarus. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -Sir: Hell is cold and full of telephone buzzers.

NEW YORK, December 14.

OLDER MANHATTAN.

Some Real New Yorkers Re

Essential New York. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SEX-Sir

iniscences of "John Worthy" and other make us old boys live our school days over There were bus cars on Se avenue also. They had an iron ladder on rear running to the roof, and on the ladders we boys used to steal rides. The driver sat on the roof and had a whip with a long lash, which he used to chase boys off

The regular Sixth avenue cars had a sign unning the length of the car which read, olored persons allowed to ride in this car. about every sixth car had this sign. The Eighth avenue cars had a dial in the centre of the car, which the conductor pulled for each fare, something like the present arrangement, but the conductor had to go to the dial with each fare.

On the Third avenue line passenger limbed to the roof, and I once saw so many passengers on the roof that it caved in. It was the current belief that every conductor on the Third avenue line got rich in those

When a lady got on the car the conductor would call for some man to give her a seat him out of it. They raised the fare to six ents, and then there was trouble, many giving the nickel and throwing the extra out of the window.

Freight cars were pulled by four or six from Twenty-seventh street White and Centre streets, and as they passed through the Rowery men and boys would climb on the rear. The company hired men with clubs, who would out upon these men and boys and pound their legs and knees and clear the cars

song pedlers would string about four rows of cords, 100 feet long, on the City Hall ron fence and attach songs by small wooden pins to the cord. Rich and poor used to top and read and sometimes buy at a penny apiece.

women selling Washington pies ined the fence, and also Battery Park and Inion Square. William M. Tweed had these ences removed.

Every boy had to "belong" to a fire engin company in those days, and if he got into the wrong bailiwick he was sure to get a Who doesn't remember 9 Old Rock, on

woe be to the enemy that approaches Marion street, 33, Black Jake, on Houston street: 3, Forrest, in Eleventh street (I believe) and the fights they used to have in the Haymarket. Seventh street and Third and Fourth avenues? There used to be a bell tower between

the City Hall and the new Court House. The old Bowery Theatre, next to the Atlantic Garden, was run by Fox (G. L.) and Lingard, and when they quarrelled Lingard opened the New Bowery on the block. The new theatre burned down later

The school principal was an autocrat. and the boy who never got licked by him was considered no good. In the morning we prepared our hands by rubbing rosin on them and then the whipping would not pain us, and if we pulled three or four hairs from our eyelashes and laid those on the rosin that was a sure preventive of pain. When the principal discovered the we would get it around the legs too.

THE SUN was a four page paper, with ntinued story each day. The New York Ledger was the ladies' paper, and we boys in Marryat's, Captain Mayne Reid's and Beadle's ten cent novels. These latter we had to hide from our parents We would take turns at buying Beadles as they came out and pass them around. Boys always left school in bunches, for they went alone they were sure to be held

up by toughs. In those days the leaders from were all on the front of houses, and there was a groove in the sidewalk to the gutter every house, and sometimes the sinks of To a man who sent a letter to him comhouses were run into these leaders, so that on wash days a sudden gust of soap suds would flow over the sidewalks. Households still had candle snuffers and

bellows. Camphine and alcohol were used for lamps. Letter carriers charged one cen for delivery, and often letters were refused Those were the days of copper cents and postage stamps, and every store keeper had a "bank note detector." received and before paying it out the bank We had bills of denomiwould have failed. nations of one, two, three, four, five and six

To get a telegram was an event and usually meant sad news. No telephone, no electric light, no trolleys, no heat in cars, no hot water in houses no furnace heat yet thou were good days, and a dollar went further than it does to-day. When Barnum's wheel in the middle. There are grounds for the Senator's Museum, on Broadway and Ann street, the last ten; and, curiously enough, the due mainly, almost entirely, to the selectwo days in the gutter NEW YORK, December 14.

Shrimps and Elms.

one has referred to the selling of shrimps on vocates outside of Congress do some the fruit and peanut stands on the street houses which were occupied by rum shop corners From 1865 to 1870 there was hardly stand that did not have shrimps put up come over at night and dance with the in papers of two and five cents each wonder if the boys of New York would buy them to-day.

To the Folion of the Sex size level of the self-ship of t site the park. St. John's Chapel was then ilies of New York NEW YORK, December 13

TXXIII.

topher street, now merged into Waverley

Mr. Markens is wrong; Bail, Black & Co. of our gifted strategists tell us that so ning fast as J. M. L." says is usually the case. | did not remove from Broadway and Murra long as we hold Pearl Harbor and Guam couldn't have stopped on the slippery pavement Broadway and Prince street, inside finis street into their white marble store, corner days of '63 and '64. Devlin & Co., clothiers occupied the corner Broadway and Warren street. I am another "LXXIII."

W. C. LOCKE WORCESTER, Mass., December 12.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! Your

orrespondent "H. V. D. P." was correctly nformed by the foreman of the excavators in Frankfort street that the two legs hore brough their lengths were sections of water olpes employed by the Manhattan Compan in supplementing the street corner pumps from 1804 until 1842, the latter being the year of the introduction of the Croton source of

If the logs were perfect and had been ex mined it would have been noted that one end was sawed straight across and the other end tapered, so as to admit of its being thrust and mauled into the end of a companion perforated for reception, furnishing tight joins because the wood was always well saturated. NEW YORK, December 12.

A Greenwich Villager. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sec. 1

would like to inform "LXXIII," who was born corner of Amos and Factory streets that Amos and Factory are now Waverley place and West Tenth street. At the or ganization of the paid fire department Steve Mitchell was appointed foreman of Engine Company 19, in West Twenty-fifth I was born in old Greenwich Village. I

can remember when West Twelfth street was called Troy street. Penny song ballads were sold on the old wooden graveyard ence on Hudson street and Clarkson street. I remember my parents speaking of the on tests, and a whole bushel of fun is contests, and a whole bushel of fun is tore for those who attend. It is eas and he was buried from his home in Chris- best fiddlers.

opher street; and of the old slaughter use on Bank and Hudson streets. old Collins Hotel, still standing, at Canal and West streets, alm

hotel of the Collins was the great steamers. I remember also the old Jefferson Market fire tower and the Spring street fire tower Old volunteer fire houses still standing in the Eighth and Ninth wards are: Renwick street street, Barrow street, Horatio street, all occupied as stables: Charles stret near Bleecker, Hook and Ladder Company 5; Company 24: Christopher and lodge rooms: Spring street near

Varick, Street Cleaning Department Who would think while walking through Hancock street from Bleecker to Houston It is but right and just to confess that street that only a few years ago cottages were on both sides of the street with gardens in front, then called Cottage place NEW YORK, December 13

A Theatre and a Hospital.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "H. J. o in THE SUN of December 10 takes issue with me as to the name of the theatre on the west side of Broadway, entrance one and Broadway, in the neighborhood of the '70s at the time of the Worrell sisters' engagement at that playhouse when they preted "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp 'Ixion" and other burlesques of similar could hardly have character. It could hardly have be termed John Brougham's Lyceum then. been think I saw John Brougham at that same house, but that was years before. tainly could not have borne the title of Wallack's Theatre during the Worrell engagement. It seems impossible to dispel one time popularly known as "The Broadway," despite the fact that it may mere delusion, and also that I am fully aware that there lurks behind the thin veil of the pseudonym of "H. J. R." a pernot to be trifled with in matters theatrical.

ere was a Lyceum Theatre, where Mme. Ristori appeared as Mary Stuart, but in so far as my memory serves this Lyceum was on the north side of either Fourteenth street or Twenty-third street, a few doors to the west of Sixth avenue

remember the old hospital to which J. R. refers. It was a grim looking building of weathered stone on the west Broadway between Duane Worth streets, upon a high terrace well back from Broadway. Its main entrance was nearly opposite the point where the northern end of Pearl street impinged upon Broad

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, December 10. A Schoolboy of 1845.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT home from school in 1845 with Johnny Lafarge and leave him at the corner of Reade street and Proadway when we reached the Lafarge building that stood there

In THE SUN of December 10 "H. J. P. tells us that the Broadway Theatre was Homer nods! elow Pearl street. shall's Broadway Theatre was above Pearl street, and the stage entrance was on Anthony (now Worth) street. "Oldboy" reglected to mention Palmo's Opera House, Burton's Theatre and Mitchell's Olympic Dear, dear! How many more I can't say. In to-day's Sux "LXXIII." asks who can

place Amos and Factory streets. Forget Amos street! Fie! Was it not on the Amos street dock one bright morning that Bill Poole and John Morrissey had their fight'

I wonder how many old boys remember imolat's Baths in Pear! street near Centre. Then there were the halls along Proadway jothic Hall, the Minerva Rooms, the Apello toon. Mechanic's Library Hall, where the original Christy Minstrels appeared and pneumatic fterward Bryant's Minstrels; the Society thrary Hall, further down town, corner street; Stuyvesant eonard Institute Tripler Hall, where Catherine Haves sang

Valuat streets. Some one will probably ask "Where the devil is Walnut street? Well, what it now called Jackson street was organ pipe called Walnut street when I was born, March 10, 1838. There was a ferry at the March 10, 1838. There was a ferry at the foot of Walnut street that ran over to Hudson avenue, Brooklyn. "She" was built was designed by Mr. Arthur Hill. JAMES E. DALE. like a catamaran, that is, two boats with deck covering both boats, and a paddl

The Seventh ward was a fine residentia ward in those days. I used to go to school in Madison street until I was 9. Then I go a job through THE SUN "wants" at cutting out artificial flowers at \$1 a week. I have not been in school since except to take my children there, so I am not much of a letter To THE EDITOR OF THE SUX Sir. No writer. Walnut street used to be lined on both sides with rows of small wooden and the sailors from the navy yard used to women who lived there. A negro played a fiddle to make music to dance by ent people who had to pass through this hell

> I remember the old Dry Dock stages that through Grand street to the Bowery and down to the Battery, and some through East Broadway to the Battery, and the Canal street line from Grand street ferry to the foot of Canal street. I remember the first stages that ran up on the Belt line before the horse cars took their place. I was appointed stoker on Engine 15 of the paid fire department when it was first organized, but handling of it at least twice. esigned soon after. I served five years in the old volunteer fire department. those were great days. People who never saw an old fashioned firemen's parade NATIVE BORN

The Manners of Some Women

NEW YORK, December 14.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SIT. An Inciden of the undisciplined selfishness of women of the better class may be seen at any of the lectures given by the Political League for Women. It is a so called fashionable audience that attends lectures upon the current topics of the day. The seats as a whole are not reserved. First corners take aisle seats, and when these are taken th occupants must necessarily rise to let women in who come later. They rise ungraciously, and the next woman will take the next seat. This is re peated until only the centre seats are empty, and at each rising there is the same annoyance displayed. It has been remarked when some very old quake would rouse them. lady arrived late that she had to run the gam past six or seven ungracious women to find an empty seat. Of course this disturbed everybody.

but that was a detail.

That this kind of behavior is seen at bargain sales is an old story. We expect better things in better surroundings. Again we see this sort of thing in the cars in the summer. The name given to the gentleman who blockades the seat is not euphonious, but it fits. If there is an argument against woman suffrage it is in the undiscipilined behavior of women in a crowd or unobserved to their male relatives or admirers. NEW YORK, December 13.

McElhone's House.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SIT "Sliver Gray's" lines agent the "dummy" engines on Second avenue recall to memory a place of "re freshment" on the west side of the avenue tabout Sixty third street from which projected a swing-"Me one keeps this house.
The ouse keeps McElhone.

An honorable pride in and a proper apprecia-

NEW YORK, December 14.

Ho-Down: Ho-Down! From the Memphis Commercial Appeal.

EVENING SHADE, Ark., Dec. 11. The second annual old fiddlers' contest is advertised to be beld here the last night of the present year. Noth ing but the old ho down music is allowed in these It is expected that Washington streets. I have a recollection at least thirty old fiddlers will participate. Prizes of Bill Poole's funeral; it was on a Sunday of \$30, \$15, \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 are offered to the five

HOME RULE.

O'Connett's lites of It and Its Gold Effect in Scotland. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN ome doubt has arisen concerning nell's idea of home rule, the vin

The "Federalists" appear to me to refor Ireland than the pesides the local Parliament in Ireland full and perfect local authority, the berequire that there should be, for question perial concern, colonial, military, naval foreign policy, a congressional or federa ent, in which Ireland should have share and proportion of representation and respect the Federalists would give Iretan she could acquire by means of the Simple

The mere repeal of the union statute wante answer the purposes of either party. The reneal would revive the Irish Parliament with any benefit to the reform schedules it would : members to the round tower of Kilcullen. members to the Sands of Bannon, and two me bers to the churchyard walls of Clommines. The must therefore be a reconstruction of the Irisi Parliament by the imperial Parliament. . . The first principle of the Simple Repealers is founded on the determination at all hazards to preserve the connection between Britain and Ire land, through the golden link of the crown, and through the means of a sole executive.

In connection with this it may be inter esting to recall a passage in the memoirs of Lord Charlemont. men relates that in 1753, when he was in France and when France and Britain were verging toward war, the great political philosopher Montesquieu pointed out to him that when a small state is connected with a powerful one the only security for the rights and interests of the smaller lies in the representative principle, that is in having a representation in the Governmen egislature of the more powerful state and that consequently the only way in which the wounds of Ireland could be healed was by a parliamentary union with England Smith pointed out that the union of dans cotland with England had been the means of liberating the Scottish middle and lower lasses from the yoke of the oligarchy, and ov opening the market of England and the English colonies had created Scottish comnerce and manufactures. Viewed in this hight it may seem that the union with Engdom, equality and government by the people in !reland as well as in Scotland.

HOME RULER. Pocusares December 12

THE LARGEST ORGAN. Sydney in New South Wales Claims the Distinction of Possessing It.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The intended organ for the Cathedral of St John the Divine will no doubt reflect credit upon the builders, but it will not be the largest and most modern ever built, as was Reference was made to the organ in West minster Abbey, and it was said that it contained a sixty-four foot pipe "horizontally laid according to specifications by Hill A Son of London. That organ does not contain a sixty-four foot pipe, or even a sixtyfour foot tone pipe, but it does contain a thirty-two foot double open diapason and a thirty-two foot contra posaune. It also contains five complete manuals, with of course a separate pedal organ of ten stops. fifth manual, or enteen stops. It is placed in the triforum of the south transept and is connected with the console of the organ by a cable 200 feet in length. The main organ has pneumatic action throughout. It contains three or action throughout struck by electrofifth manual, or "celestial organ," has seventeen stops. It is placed in the triforium action throughout. It contains the taves of brass goings struck by el pneumatic hammers. This magn organ has 4,780 pipes. The organ a celebrated and worthy organist, Sir Bridge, are known to musicians the magnificent gan and its t. Sir Henry

Not to be overlooked or forgotten by any Tripler Hall, where Catherine Hayes sang and old John Gannon, sweet Mary Gannon's foster father, "took the tickets". Hope Chapel, &c.
Now call up some other real old New Yorker and let him have his say.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J. December 11.

A Seventh Warder of the Great Days.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I was born in Monroe street between Scamel and Walnut streets. Some one will probably feet, with a depth of about twenty-six feet. feet, with a depth of about twenty-six feet.

Its largest pipe—and I may say the largest organ pipe in the world—is a sixty-four foot contra trombone, a sixty-four foot "reed" stop. Its case is magnificent. It is twenty-one years old. This organ was built by the firm of Hill & Son of London. The case

Organist New Jersey State Reformatory. RAHWAY, N. J., December 14.

The Annual Exhibition.

TO THE POSTOR OF THE SEX-SEC. In It not about time to investigate the doings of the Street Cleaning Department? A week after the first snowfall and none of the streets clear yet!

Now you can hear the praises of former Street commissioner Waring. There never was and Commissioner Waring. There never was and never will be one like him. Yesterday in going through Elm street below Houston one regular busy scattering all over the street the snow heaps piled up by the same department a day or two

In going back uptown again through the same street I found two men busy offing the snow up again above Houston street up to Eighth street

the city.
Co to Buffalo or Chicago, or anywhere for that matter, and you will find the snow side of three or four days. Here the sidewalks are clear of snow in that time. To watch some of the shovellers is sickening I watched one fellow the other day on Centre street. It took him exactly five minutes to get

and be after another one. Why pile it up, anyway? Have the wagons there and throw it right on. This would save the J. MURLLER.

a shovelful of snow and throw it on the wagon

Calm New York Audiences. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have wit

nessed the Sothern and Marlowe performance of "Macbeth" several times, and in my estimation it is a truly artistic performance given by true artists. To "J. A. M.," whose letter appears in to day's SUN, the experience seems to have been painful. Perhaps he deems himself capable of playing the part of Macheth. It would do not body any harm to try, and it might cure him 1f "J. A. M." is an experienced theatregoer be would know ere now that one should not expect New York audiences to be too demonstrative That would be entirely out of keeping with the weather. They are far too lazy to wish to hurt their hands. They come to the theatre to be They come to the theatre to entertained, interested and amused, but are u

Several times during the last performance "Macbeth" I ventured ifmidity to applaud sleep walking scene, with the result that I coolly surveyed as a sort of novelty by women turned around to see "who was making a noise." I do not mean to imply that New Yor do not appreciate the classics of for they do, and that highly but I am so: say they are unwilling to pay more than

NEW YORK, December 13. The Origin of a Criticism of Torker-TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -SIT. OUR enator at Washington, speaking about to redited the remark that the "turkey was onvenient bird, a little too large for

not quite large enough for two," to an er-renchman. Rousseau. I think. I beard a veteran of the Mexican war tell ory more than fifty years ago, and he sale ieneral Sam Houston of Texas was the an

NEW YORK, December 14. The Awful Beed of Tawner. From the Lewiston Journal. As the Federal Supreme Court was packed for

reaction when such lawyers as Tawney hastened the shot on Sumter, public opinion demands that such judicial attack on political equality as that of Tawney should never be repeated in this collatry on industrial liberty and economic equity

Palmetto Reform.

South Carolina is now the greatest corn growing State. She used to be the greatest corn drinking